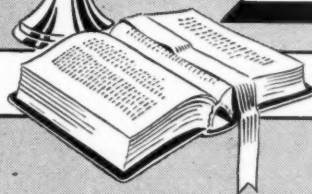
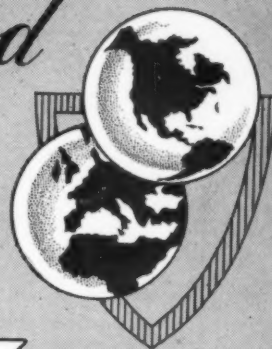


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We regret that by an oversight
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ted from the list of evangelists in the
1946 Minutes.—General Secretary and
Treasurer.

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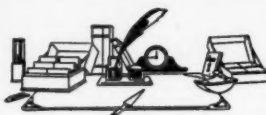
To our many friends in Texas, Okla-
homa, and elsewhere: Please be ad-
vised of our change of address—Rev.
and Mrs. S. J. Wood, Rt. 1, Box 249,
Wichita Falls, Texas.

If there is a member of our great
family of God living in or near Winne-
bago, Nebr., please write me. — Mrs.
Gilmer Boehm, Van, W. Va.

If there are any Church of God
members in Ypsilanti, Mich., please
contact me at 924 Congress Street, or
phone 2689-R.—Mrs. M. Holder.

I am open for calls in the evangelis-
tic work, willing to work in new fields
or anywhere the Lord may lead. Any-
one desiring to contact me may do so
at 411 South Maple St., Columbia, S. C.
—Katie Tucker.

I am open for calls in evangelistic
work.—J. W. Cannon, Jonestown Road,
Asheville, N. C. Phone, 1277-W.



from the GENERAL OVERSEER'S DESK

DONATIONS

Brother Lemuel Johnson, Overseer
of Washington and Oregon, brings
good news from the Far West. A new
church has been set in order in Odes-
sa, Washington, where Rev. E. E. Cole-
man has been laboring for six months.
They are buying church property
there and one man gave a donation
of \$7,000 on it.

OHIO PROGRESS

In a recent letter from Rev. J. L.
Goins, overseer of Ohio, he states that
February has been the greatest month
for revivals of any month since he
has been overseer of that state. As
you know, February has been one of
our worst weather months, and Ohio
has very cold weather and big snows;
yet this hasn't seemed to hinder the
revival spirit there.

WILL YOU BEAR WITH ME?

Please permit a proud father to say
something. My son, Fred, is twenty
years old, and has been preaching
about four years. He is doing full-
time evangelistic work. He recently
closed a revival in Nashville, Tennes-
see, with pastor Paul Stallings. This
is the church where his dad was con-

verted long before he met Fred's
mother. After the close of the revival
he wrote, "The last night of the meet-
ing eight were saved and two were
baptized in the Holy Ghost." And
adds, "Dad, wasn't that good to close
on?" From Nashville he went to Car-
mi, Ill., with Brother A. O. Sellers.
March 14 he wrote, "I guess we really
broke through last night, three were
filled with the Holy Ghost." Fine, my
boy, the work is hard but stick to it.

NEBRASKA

Brother W. E. Dowdy is quite well
pleased with the way the work is pro-
gressing in Nebraska this year. He
reports they have had a twenty-three
per cent increase in membership this
year, have already had more conver-
sions this year than during the entire
twelve months of last year, one new
church set in order, one new building
completed, and another one almost
finished, and will begin another one
in the spring. He also states that the
prayer conference was a great bless-
ing to the work out there. It seems
that prayer has a way of always help-
ing the work move along. Perhaps we
need more of it as we travel the way.

Report of State and District Con-
vention Mission Offerings for 1946 as
reported by State Overseers to the
General Overseer's office.

	District Con- vention	State Con- vention
Group "A"		
Alabama	\$15,273.94	\$ 2,059.88
Florida	5,634.78	16,065.87
Georgia	5,799.72	11,328.47
North Carolina	19,551.34	8,500.00
South Carolina	8,760.83	12,101.94
Tennessee	3,782.72	8,271.56
West Virginia	4,031.63	11,465.72
Group "B"		
Kentucky	5,585.02	3,730.58
Mississippi	4,285.12	1,364.68
Ohio	4,800.00	4,300.00
Texas	6,705.99	1,184.21
Virginia	6,810.08	5,058.50
Illinois	2,549.05	2,291.57
Group "C"		
Arkansas	2,134.99	1,141.37
California	200.00	1,105.00
Pennsylvania	2,939.96	4,070.54
Louisiana	2,712.76	1,317.50

Michigan	2,314.40	5,134.13
Missouri	1,941.88	2,074.36
Group "D"		
Oklahoma	1,198.38	760.00
Indiana		2,708.00
Maryland	400.00	4,178.24
Group "E"		
Arizona	473.00	827.60
Iowa		3,200.00
Kansas	1,341.60	437.15
New Mexico	800.00	300.00
North Dakota	2,515.28	1,608.17
South Dakota	1,545.14	2,533.60
Washington		1,100.82
Western Canada	744.02	803.14
Group "F"		
New York		185.24
Montana	274.74	1,013.00
New England States		1,147.06
Group "G"		
Central Canada		250.00
Minnesota and Wisconsin		289.36
New Jersey		220.27
Colorado		100.00

Why Doubt the Resurrection

By REV. W. C. BYRD,
Pastor, Prichard Church of God

*Easter Address . . .
To Ministerial Sunrise
Service of Prichard Area
Easter Morning, 1946*

Mr. Chairman, Fellow Ministers, and
Friends in Christ:

I count it a privilege to give a short address to this first Sunrise service sponsored by all the churches of the newly organized Prichard Area Ministerial Association. I trust this will be only the beginning of a yearly gathering at this spot or some near-by place, which will become the best of its kind in the Deep South. This large crowd already here at this early hour shows the inward faith our church people have in the doctrine of the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

The immortal Apostle Paul, in making his defense before King Agrippa, propounded this great question, "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?" Acts 26:8. Evidently, some thought it incredible that the dead should be raised. Paul preached the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead before the philosophers of Athens, and they were amazed when he declared that Jesus was resurrected bodily. They accused him of setting forth strange gods, and mocked him when he declared all men had been given assurance in that God had raised Jesus from the dead. Acts 17:31, 32.

The new governor, Festus, cried with a loud voice, "Paul thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make

thee mad," upon hearing him say that Jesus was the first that should rise from the dead. Acts 26:23, 24. This was mere speculation of a wild and crazy head to the great governor, Festus. In verse 25, Paul denies being mad, but claims to "speak forth the words of truth and soberness."

The great flattering orator Tertullus said Paul was a pest or nuisance for preaching this great Bible truth in such a sober way. Acts 24:5. Years have passed and even now there are many who feel as this eloquent speaker. The dissenters continue to hound the believers as to the credibility of such a thing as bodily resurrection.

The resurrection of the dead has long been one of the great articles of the Christian faith. I shall not make myself tedious to this great gathering by dealing at length with the age-long objections to the bodily resurrection of the dead. Many of them are familiar to us, of which the most familiar and oft leveled against this great truth is; namely, "That it is ridiculous and im-

possible for bodies of men dissolved into dust and scattered to the four winds to be brought together in living bodies." The idea that a perfectly dead body can be restored to life is scoffed. I merely suggest to you fair-minded people, that He who called all things into existence out of nothing can certainly make that which was once, to be again. He that can do the greater can undoubtedly do the lesser. That is not incredible to reasoning and fair-minded thinkers.

I am often made to wonder why men take pessimistic views of this greatest Christian hope in the world. As for myself, I gladly and openly confess to be in the front ranks with those who believe in the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are undergirded with the overwhelming statements of God's Word in this stand. This great article of Christian truth flashes here and there in God's Word to substantiate this miraculous fact. Before the resurrection of Christ, we find Job,

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"Thomas, come here, and touch my hands with your fingers, and put your hand into my side; and no longer refuse to believe that I am living, but have faith in me!"

BIBLE GLINTS *and* Late Events

BY THE EDITOR



EASTER MORNING

Think of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven,
Of taking hold of a hand, and finding it God's hand,
Of breathing a new air and finding it celestial air,
Of feeling invigorated and finding it immortality,
Of passing from storm and tempest to an unknown
calm,
Of waking up and finding it Home.

—Author Unknown.

FACTS CONCERNING CATHOLIC PROGRESS

Frequently some communication describes in general, vague terms the "vast inroads being made on American life by the Roman Catholics." Reluctance of that church to publish membership statistics, or other information from which an accurate impression can be gained, is in part responsible for this opinion.

On September 4, Archbishop Cushing, of Boston, delivered to a group of Catholic women an address containing some extremely interesting information.

"There are," he said, "sobering indications that our future growth may not be as conspicuous as it has been in the past."

For this condition he gave three reasons: (1) The very low immigration rate of today, (2) the declining birth rate among Catholic families, and (3) the increase of mixed marriages.

Other conditions which were deplored were "the lack of adequate Catholic education, the spirit of indifference to ecclesiastical authority, the social contempt for their unschooled fellow Catholics of educated non-Catholics." Not the least significant statement from the archbishop was his assertion that the "many more than 25,000 priests" in the American church averaged no more than "about two converts per year."

Alongside this gloomy picture presented by this high-ranking Roman Catholic authority must be considered the expansive program of evangelism now in progress in rural areas, the direct and vigorous approach being made to southern Negroes, and the very considerable program of literary evangelism which is proceeding from many local congregations, to say nothing of an impressive display of Catholic doctrine in paid advertisements in American newspapers.—*The Protestant Voice.*

ANSWER THIS QUESTION

A Welsh minister, beginning his sermon, leaned over the pulpit and said with a solemn air: "Friends, I have a question to ask. I cannot answer it. You cannot answer it. If an angel from heaven were here, he could not answer it. If a devil from hell were here, he could not answer it." Every eye was fixed on the speaker, who proceeded:

"The question is this, 'How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?'"—*Free Methodist.*

MEN WANTED

Not gold, but only men can make
A nation great and strong,
Men who, for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast, and suffer long.

Brave men, who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others shy.
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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A GREAT CHURCH

The expression "a great church" is used so frequently by so many people that the true significance of it is often overlooked. Really, what constitutes "a great church"?

A church is great in the sight of God when it is:

Great in spirit. When its warmth of fellowship is apparent to all who worship there. It possesses a warmth which blesses all who come.

Great in love. Its love abounds toward Christ and toward sinners. The members love one another with deathless devotion.

Great in compassion. Its heart reaches out to suffer with those who need its ministry. Only by having compassion of heart can a church be great. As one well said, "A passionless church is a passing church."

Great in consecration. It withdraws itself from the world with its fashions and its fads; its members live a consecrated life; it has no place for worldliness and for human aspirations.

Great in loyalty. It is loyal to Christ. It is loyal to His word. It is loyal to "the faith once for all delivered unto the saints." Its members are loyal to the Lord and to His church by their dedication of time, of talents, and of treasure.—*Evangel.*



Life

Dressed in her tender green,
I viewed the sweet Earth lying,
When smote my heart the cry,
"But living leads to dying."

Then came a trumpet call,
Through hill and dale replying,
"Though life lead on to Death,
We come to Life through dying."

—E. D. Ward.

Every Knee Shall Bow



"As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God," Romans 14:11.

I was recently made to think of this scripture when I heard a famous radio character speaking of the distress of England, with such a coal shortage, due to the snow and blizzard conditions. She remarked about the hard times England has had for so long, and said that even nature seems to be fighting against her. But the remark that struck me so forcibly was, "It has brought England to her knees."

I thought about how God so often has to "bring us to our knees" through hardships and adversity. As long as things are going smoothly, we have a tendency to neglect God, to a certain extent. We may go on with a form of worship, but often that feeling of communion with the Spirit is absent. But when we face some perplexing problem, and it seems that there is nowhere else to turn, we fall on our knees and turn our faces toward heaven, imploring God for help. And He, in all His wonderful love and compassion, listens to our pleas, and helps us.

It is heartbreaking to think of the way England is suffering, and not only England, but almost all the European nations. Many of God's humble children are suffering, along with the unjust. But God allows adversity to come to nations for a two-fold reason: punishment for the wicked, and as a magnet to draw the Christian closer to God. How often people cry to God in their distresses, making Him many promises, but just

By MRS. E. E. COLEMAN

as soon as everything is going smoothly again they promptly forget Him.

I have a poem which I think expresses this thought very well. I do not know the author's name, but I hope he or she won't mind my using it right here for the glory of God.

REMEMBER

Remember what you promised God,
when Sonny Boy was ill?
You said if God would spare his life,
you'd do His holy will.
Remember how, with watchful eye,
you sat beside his bed,
And held his little hand in yours, and
stroked his fevered head?

Reaping What Is Sown

By REV. B. F. SAVAGE,
Newburyport, Mass.

Scripture Text: "*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap,*" Galatians 6:7.

Farmers plant wheat or some other grain: they expect to reap just what they sow. It would be foolish indeed to sow wheat and expect to reap oats or sow oats and expect to reap wheat. They reap what they sow, but the threshing machine separates the chaff from the wheat.

God in His divine justice and judgment will separate the saved from the unsaved. The first chapter of Psalms

Remember how you stole away that
sad and anxious hour,
And prostrate fell at Jesus' feet and
sought His healing power?
Remember how you pledged your love
while you were bowed in prayer?
Have you forgotten the promise made
when you were kneeling there?

You meant it then, of course you did;
but you have proved untrue.
You've failed as yet, to do the thing
you promised God you'd do.
God heard your earnest pleading. He
saw each tear that fell.
His heart was touched with pity, and
Sonny Boy got well.

The days, the weeks, the months, the
years, have gone on by since then.
You seem to take it lightly now, still
roaming on in sin.

I hope you'll do the thing you said,
before you're 'neath the sod;
But it seems you've most forgotten
the vow you made to God.

Often God allows trials and temptations to come upon us to prove whether we will endure and be accounted worthy to rule with Him in the millennial kingdom. When I fail in some test, I just go to the Lord and say, "Lord, I failed that time, but please let me have this same trial over and over again, until I can prove to myself, to You, and to the devil, I can, and I WILL overcome."

declares the sinner shall not stand
in the congregation of the righteous.
Psalm 1:5.

Some people think they can sow to the lust of the flesh, backbiting, hating one another, doing as the old carnal nature says, talking about the Church which is the body of Christ, and many other hateful things, and expect to reap life everlasting. He is just as foolish as the farmer that would expect to reap wheat when he has sown oats. My beloved friend, you will sow to the Spirit, love, joy, peace, brotherly kindness, or reap damnation with the rest of the damned. I want you to know that Matthew

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The Church's Responsibility in Youth Evangelism

By PAUL H. WALKER,
Overseer of West Virginia

We wish to consider a few matters relative to the responsibility of the Church to its youth. First, it is a foregone conclusion that a church is actually what the membership makes it, and the membership is composed of people who are what they are because of the manner in which they conduct themselves and live—in their home, social, economic, and political life. All of these outlets of human relationship are destined to mould the character and wield an influence everlasting upon those who are tutored under their influence.

For instance, the Scripture says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked! for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting," Gal. 6:7, 8. A man noticed that a plant of wild oats came up in his garden; he left it alone. When it matured he pulled it and counted the seeds. There were 60 seeds of oats. Now suppose we sow 60 oat seeds. Next fall we shall have a harvest of about 3,600 oat seeds. If you repeat this for a few years, the oats from the original seed would cover the earth.

Adam was the original sower. His seed of sin now covers the earth and has cursed the human race. As we see the sick and dying, wrecked homes, harlots and drunkards, criminals and juvenile delinquents, wars, hatred and bloodshed, we are reminded of the penalty of sin—death.

Every hospital, insane asylum, penal institution and house of correction is but a monument to Adam's folly. In-

deed, we are still living under the curse. Sin has permeated the whole human race; it is in our blood. There is no human remedy for sin and its consequences—disease and death.

Sin has polluted the human race. There is not a sound branch in the human family tree. The prophet Isaiah has very fittingly described the sinful condition of flesh by saying, "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment," Isa. 1:5, 6. This depicts a horrible condition, and a great responsibility lies on those who control the influences of the youth of our land, our homes, and our church.

We often use the illustration or the psychology of winning young men and women to God because of the influence of their parents. How many evangelists have said, "Your dear old mother may have gone on to heaven. Your father preceded her and you have these precious parents now on the streets of gold. You want to meet them some day, so why not give your heart to God?" But his parents never prayed, never dedicated their lives to God. It is pretty hard for us to have this influence over our youth, so we face a deterioration of evangelism, because, not of juvenile delinquency, but of parental delinquency.

I have the record of one family traced for about 200 years. The progenitor of this unfortunate family was a New England vagabond. Out of

his 1,220 descendants, about 300 died in infancy, 310 were professional paupers, 420 were wracked by disease, 50 were professional prostitutes, 60 were thieves, 5 were murderers, and the remaining 53 were criminals of every description. In this family we do not find one who could have been regarded as a success.

On the other hand, we also have families that have distinguished themselves in every field of endeavor. Good health, education, courage, determination, and natural talents mean much in man's struggle to distinguish himself in any chosen profession. Many severely handicapped through accidents, deformities, and otherwise retarded, have, through sheer willpower and determination, overcome all difficulties and risen above the obstacles of their surroundings to win the recognition for which they have so bravely fought.

Out of this dogged determination on the part of young men and women with a rugged individuality, is determined the cause of the spiritual qualities that have been developed in the lives of young men and women. The outcroppings and the outgrowth of such latent powers impregnated in the life of the youth, though they are unaware of it, eventually develop stalwart men and women for God. Because the channel and course through which they must travel has been clearly chartered and has been definitely outlined, though they may side-step, may become sidetracked temporarily, you may rest assured, as the Psalmist said, "Not a hoof shall be left behind." God provides through answered prayer when prayers have been prayed on the basis of faith, backed by proper conduct and a life of influence on the part of parents, which parents wield the influence of the church.

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J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary



CHURCH OF GOD MISSION BOARD PURCHASES PROPERTY IN SAN ANTONIO FOR INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY INSTITUTE

By PAUL H. WALKER, Chairman, Mission Board

I am sure our readers are interested in knowing about the purchase of this school property in San Antonio, Texas.

The Church of God Missions Department had some property in San Antonio which was purchased at the price of approximately \$13,000. Recently, when a number of us reviewed this property, and while praying about the furtherance of our mission effort in behalf of the Latin Americans, we were told that a lady, Mrs. Sanders, had some property which she had been holding until the Lord sent her someone who would purchase it in order to dedicate it to the purpose of soul-saving.

Sister Sanders, who is baptized with the Holy Ghost, was contacted, and we inquired as to what she was asking for the property. She told us her figure was \$45,000; but, after we had prayed with her and had talked matters over, she agreed to let us have it at a great discount. In fact, we received this fine property for less than \$39,000. I know this is quite a sum, but when you think of its worth it is not so much. For instance, we have two large houses, one with eleven or twelve rooms, strictly modern, and another with six rooms, strictly modern. There is another house with three rooms, semi-modern, a two-car garage, and a one-car garage. There is also a church, with a seating capacity of approximately 300, furnished with two pianos, and two stories of Sunday School rooms with movable or collapsible walls between each so it can be made into small auditoriums or separate classrooms. Besides all this, there is a corner lot valued at \$10,000. We have purchased all for less than \$39,000, within eight or nine blocks of the heart of San Antonio and one block from the main highway that

leads into the City from the North. When this deal was closed, the lady wept and said her prayers had been answered. We feel like God is in this move.

Why the school in San Antonio? The answer: For the purpose of training the Latin Americans in the Church of God manner, to send them with the full gospel back to their native land to tell the story of Jesus and His love. You may ask, "Latin America? Why there are no people there who have not heard the gospel." But just a minute. Did you know that in South America alone there are 300 tribes who have never even as much as heard one syllable of the gospel of the Son of God? This will give you some idea, because there are the other countries that are Latin-American, which need this full gospel, and we believe this International Preparatory Institute will be one of the greatest assets to the salvation of souls and our mission effort that we have ever had in our mission fields.

I am thinking of the scripture which says, "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" and also, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:14, 17. Siberia has 75 tribes who have never heard; China, 50 tribes; India, 100 tribes; French Indo China, 50 tribes; the Philippines, 40 tribes; South America, 300 tribes; and Africa, 350 tribes. God loves the world, but 1,000 tribes do not know Him.

In a world which contains an aggregate of over 2 billion souls, at least 700 million have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

In a world in which are spoken over 2,000 languages, approximately 1,000 languages do not have a single syllable of the Word of God.

There is plenty of work to be done.

Existing missions are crying out for new workers to push gospel frontiers forward. One mission in India is asking for 22 new workers this year. Another in South America is looking for 10 new couples. A third in Africa is asking for 50 a year for the next five years. Another with a world-wide ministry is asking for 100 new workers a year for the next five years. This does not all pertain to our church activities, but it does show the great hunger and the dire need. Do we need a school to prepare workers for these needy fields? I feel that this is one of the greatest steps—first preparation, and then may God grant His presence with those prepared as they go into these jungles, into the Congo, and into the land of the "Voodoos," to tell the story of Jesus and His love.

There is not only plenty of work to be done but also plenty of opportunity to do it.

We can do it by being faithful with our mission-giving, and it might interest you to know that if every state overseer throughout our nation will send in the part of the district offerings that goes to Headquarters, it will be a great asset to the cause of missions in fields that are now needing our immediate attention.

We are as cautious as we know how to be. It is not the purpose of the Board to over-extend themselves, but it is the purpose of the Board to do all in their power to spread this gospel, by the fine help and cooperation of the people of the church throughout America.

Today, the demand for workers with more academic background and training is heard from many fields of the world. Governments are raising the educational requirements for missionaries entering their countries. Minimum requirements for missionary candidates are rising. Hence, we see the need of preparing our workers again.

The need is tremendous. Doors are opened on every side. Missions are prepared and waiting to send out new workers. Training is available and the Lord's command is, "Go." Reader for what are you waiting? Here is an unparalleled opportunity to invest your life in the greatest enterprise in all the world—claiming lost souls for the glory of your Redeemer. Perhaps you may not be able to go yourself, but you can stand behind those who have the call. In just a few days, C. E.

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The Resurrection of Christ



Matthew 28:1-20

Text: "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay," verse 6.

Nearly two thousand years ago our Lord was crucified on a cruel cross on Mount Calvary. He hung there between heaven and earth, with spikes driven in His hands and feet, a crown of thorns upon His head, and died as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. What a shameful death our Savior died, yet what wonderful results He has accomplished for us through His death!

The week preceding His crucifixion had been a busy one, mixed with strange happenings. On Monday He had made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The multitude had honored Christ by proclaiming Him king. Matt. 21:9, "And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest." The whole city of Jerusalem was moved. The disciples probably thought that now Christ would set up His earthly kingdom; that He would make the nation of the Jews as great among the nations of the world as it was in the days of David and Solomon. But alas, there were great trials ahead for them.

Christ was busy during the rest of the week cleansing the temple, healing the sick and teaching the people many things concerning Himself. He condemned the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees. He told of His second coming to earth and warned the disciples to watch, pray

By MRS. RUTH STARNES

and be ready for this coming.

After He had finished these sayings, He ate the Passover Supper with His disciples. While eating this supper Jesus said, "... All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee," Matt. 26:31, 32. Peter boastfully bragged that he would not leave Jesus even though all the rest did, but Jesus knew Peter's faith would fail.

After the Passover Supper, Jesus carried the disciples to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. He prayed in such agony here until His sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down to the earth. He realized His hour was at hand. Not only was He to suffer great physical torture, but desertion from the Father as well. Before He left the garden, Judas came with a great multitude of people, who had swords and staves, to take Jesus, as if He were some kind of criminal. He was arrested and taken before Caiaphas the high priest that same night. The Sanhedrin court planned to take Him, not according to the law, but by subtlety. Their decision to arrest Christ was illegal on the grounds that no proof was offered of any offense. He was arrested without a warrant, which was also illegal. He was tried by night; night trials were contrary to their own laws. They sought false witness against Him; they did not want the truth. Their minds were set for the death penalty before the trial, before they had even heard their evidence. The witnesses could not agree. Pilate and Herod were both Gentile judges under the Roman Empire. The Jews had charged Christ with blasphemy, but

knowing that a Roman judge would not convict on these charges, they changed their charges to treason. The whole multitude arose and delivered Him to Pilate.

The story of Jesus before Pilate is a very interesting one. Pilate was the Roman governor of Judea. He assumed his office about the time Jesus began His public ministry. His official residence was at Caesarea. He came to Jerusalem at the time of the feasts to keep order. He was cruel and noted for his habitual brutality. Like the Roman emperors of his day, he rather enjoyed the spectacle of the torture and death of a man. Whether Christ was handsome, as one tradition has it, or ugly, as another tradition has it, we do not know, but there was something about Him which attracted Pilate. Pilate tried to get out of crucifying Christ by appealing from the Jewish rulers to Herod; then from Herod, who could find no fault in Him, back to the rulers; from the rulers to the multitude. When the multitude turned against Jesus, Pilate tried to appeal to their pity by having Jesus scourged in hope that they would be satisfied with partial punishment and not require His crucifixion. Not until it began to look as if it might cost him his position as governor of Judea did Pilate at last consent to the death of Jesus. Pilate's treatment of Jesus is an example of how multitudes today treat Him. This was Pilate's opportunity to justify Jesus. He could find no fault in Him. Pilate was willing to substitute Barabbas for Jesus, but the multitude refused to do this. So in order to please the people, he gave consent to the death of Christ. Pilate confessed Him to be just. The sentence was passed without His being convicted. Luke 23:24, "And Pilate



gave sentence that it should be as they required."

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left." The people mocked Christ while He was hanging on the cross. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God." The veil of the temple was rent in twain. There was an earthquake and many graves opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose. The people who looked on feared greatly. The centurion said, "Truly this was the Son of God."

Matt. 27:57-60, "When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed." The Pharisees and chief priests remembered that Jesus had said He would rise again the third day, so they asked Pilate to set a guard by the tomb of Jesus to be sure His disciples would not steal His body and then say He had risen. So Pilate told them to set a watch and make it as sure as they could.

Luke 24:1-9, "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words, and returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest."

There had been a terrible earthquake when the angel had rolled the stone from the door of the tomb. The guards were terrified at the earthquake, the angel and the absence of the body of Jesus from the tomb, so they fled to report these things to the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin bribed them to say they had fallen asleep and the disciples had stolen the body of Jesus while they slept. But, thank God, His body was not stolen; He had risen from the dead as He had declared He would do! The stone, which was sealed with Pilate's seal and guarded by Roman soldiers, was rolled away. No one would have dared to break that seal. But regardless of the security that was literally given, it was impossible to hold the Son of God as a prisoner in that tomb. The religious leaders thought that now they were rid of Christ. They had no idea He would rise again. But Christ is not to be put aside so lightly. People today try to bury Him out of their thoughts. Modernists of our day try to discredit His resurrection by saying He only went into a coma, but we have proof that Christ actually died and rose again according to His own words.

The resurrection of Christ was the glorification of the Redeemer's person and the seal of His atoning work. It demonstrated His divinity. In all of our Lord's predictions of His resurrection, He makes Himself the agent. His first allusion concerning His resurrection was "destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Another allusion was, "I lay down my life that I might take it up again." When Jesus prayed, "Glorify thy Son that thy Son may also glorify thee," He had in view His death and resurrection.

His resurrection was a ratification of His claim as a prophetic teacher. It was the credential of His eternal teachings. His release from death declared that He died for the sins of mankind and that His atonement was accepted. It was a pledge of life to His people. His resurrection with its infallible signs completed the education of the apostles' faith and laid the cornerstone of all evidence forever.

Christ's resurrection has produced great results for the believer. It proves to us that God has accepted the atoning work of Christ in our behalf. Rom. 4:25, "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again



for our justification." His resurrection marked Him off, in a unique sense, as the Son of God. Rom. 1:4, "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

Christ's resurrection assures the believer of his acceptance with God. Paul said, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain." But Christ is risen indeed and is become the firstfruits of them that slept. His resurrection grants the Holy Ghost to the believer and all needed power. On the day of Pentecost when the great outpouring of the Spirit was given, the people were amazed, but Peter said (Acts 2:32, 33), "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear." If Christ had not risen, Peter would have had no basis for this sermon.

Dear reader, the resurrection of Christ is a reality. The devil and his workers have never been able to disprove these facts. If you have not accepted Christ, let me urge you to do so now. The life you live here on earth determines the place to which you go after this earthly life is over. God has commanded men everywhere to repent. If we die out to this world, receive the spiritual birth from above, we have the promise of eternal life with Christ our Lord. May God bless each reader.

EASTER WISH

*May his angels, pure and bright
Easter blessings on thee pour,
Leading thee by ways of light
In their keeping evermore.*

Church Progress During First Six Months of this Year

We are giving some statistics of the work of the church for the first six months of this assembly year, and does not include the foreign mission field. This information has been secured from the State Overseers' monthly reports to the General Overseer, showing the number of sermons preached, the number of people saved, and the number of increase in membership. We have figured out the average sermons for each one saved, also the average sermons for each one increase in church membership.

This will give you an idea of the progress of the work in each section from the spiritual side. There could be some duplication in the number showing how many saved, if the evangelist and pastor both report the same ones; which should not be done. Then if the evangelist conducts a revival in another state and reports that revival in his home state, then both states would count the number saved and that would be duplications, this would change the figures some.

Number of sermons preached for the first six months of last assembly year was 120,611; this year, 124,398; an increase of 3,787. Number saved last year for same period, 21,149; this year, 24,866; an increase of 2,717. Number added to church same period last year, 7,585; this year, 8,447; an increase of 862. The over-all average last year was 5-7/10 sermons for each one saved, this year only 5 sermons for each one saved. Last year 15-6/7 sermons for each one increase in membership, this year 14-3/4 sermons for each one increase in membership.

We may give you some financial statistics later and see if the spiritual gain is in proportion to the financial gains.

John C. Jernigan
H. L. Chesser

	Sermons	No. saved	No. added to church	Av. sermons for each one saved	Av. sermons for each one increase
GROUP "A"					
Alabama	9883	1641	830	6	11-3/4
Florida	7936	1633	505	4-9/10	13-1/2
Georgia	10,717	2181	856	5-4/9	11-1/3
North Carolina	9886	2991	1027	3-1/3	9-1/2
South Carolina	7418	2893	818	2-4/7	9
Tennessee	9891	2769	881	3-5/9	11-1/4
West Virginia	8379	1352	533	6-1/5	15-1/2
GROUP "B"					
Kentucky	7120	1254	489	5-2/3	14-1/2
Mississippi	3880	475	186	8	21-2/5
Ohio	4703	984	214	4-3/4	21-9/10
Texas	5152	827	354	6-1/5	14-1/2
Virginia	4493	712	260	6-1/3	17
Illinois	3191	506	151	6-1/4	21
GROUP "C"					
Arkansas	3011	601	189	5	16
California	2732	629	138	4-1/3	19-1/2
Pennsylvania	2815	397	74	7	38
Louisiana	1999	266	154	7-1/2	13
Michigan	2020	280	71	7-1/5	28-1/3
Missouri	2817	506	176	5-1/2	16
GROUP "D"					
Oklahoma	2464	483	6	5	28-3/5
Indiana	2013	309	89	6-1/2	22-3/5
Maryland	1064	127	26	8-1/3	40-9/10
GROUP "E"					
Arizona	696	97	50	7-1/6	13-9/10
Iowa	810	102	28	8	29
Kansas	1433	124	53	11-7/12	27
New Mexico	922	140	21	6-4/7	44
North Dakota	679	30	14	22-2/3	48-1/2
South Dakota	514	43	19	12	27
Washington	569	12	14	47-1/2	40-1/2
Western Canada	578	21	8	28	72-1/4
GROUP "F"					
Delaware	324	26	7	12-1/2	46
Idaho	304	18	8	16-8/9	64
Maine	594	82	10	7-1/4	59-2/5
Montana	522	29	9	18	58
New York	335	90	1	3-2/3	335
Oregon	441	39	17	11-1/3	26
GROUP "G"					
Colorado	392	72	24	5-1/2	16-1/3
District of Columbia	125	38	13	3-1/4	9-1/2
Massachusetts	172	2	5	86	34
Minnesota	204	2	2	102	102
Nebraska	462	45	17	10-1/4	27
New Jersey	261	14	0	18-1/2	
Wisconsin	243	3	12	81	20-1/4
Wyoming	61	9	0	6-2/3	
Central Canada	173	19	8	9	21-1/2
	124,398	24,866	8,447		

REPORT

NIGHT LETTER

OSKALOOSA, Iowa.—We are having a wonderful time in Oskaloosa, under the leadership of Brother and Sister C. E. Hamilton. Brother Hamilton preaches the Word of God and

Sister Hamilton sings and plays in a wonderful way. Fourteen members have been added to the church. The young people have worked hard. Oskaloosa won the state banner. We have a splendid Sunday School superintendent, also several fine teachers. A Willing Workers' Band has been or-

ganized and oh, how they work! The money they make goes for a new church building. . . . We are looking now for a lot on which to build our new church. Keep your eye on Oskaloosa for wonderful things, both spiritually and financially. — Rev. Charles Dykita.

REQUESTS... for Prayer

PRAY FOR:

Our mother, Mrs. E. M. Meade, who has sugar diabetes, high blood pressure, and other ailments.—Mrs. W. R. Bolte, Pittsburg, Kans.

Mr. Balon, who had a stroke about three years ago and is getting better since request for prayer was made, but isn't saved; Sister Keeman to be healed and her husband to be saved; a man who is a drunkard, his family suffers and needs prayer; the blind woman, Sister Raner, of Nettleton, for her needs to be supplied.—Mrs. Wesley Ronline, Nettleton, Ark.

Me, I need prayer in a great way; my unsaved loved ones; an unspoken request.—Sister Bessie Austin, Albany, Ga.

Healing for my body. I have been sick several months, not able to preach. I want to get back into the work of the Lord.—Rev. James E. Green, Lamar, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me of a tumor; our daughter who has a goiter; also the healing of my husband.—Mrs. C. E. Mosteller, Greer, S. C.

My brother, Ray Chapman, who is very sick.—Mrs. Tom Davis, Naugatuck, W. Va.

God to heal me of a tumor.—Mrs. Eugene Jennelle, Jewell Ridge, Va.

Healing for Wallace Lee and Mother Lee.—Mrs. J. B. Webb, Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. F. W. Fore, who has clogged arteries and arthritis of the spine, heart and stomach trouble, and other ailments; my brother, Glen Bell, who is a veteran in a Government hospital, suffering from mental illness and other ailments; God to heal me of stomach and intestinal trouble, high blood pressure and all other ailments.—Miss Elnora A. Bell, New Brighton, Pa.

Me, I am very much in need of prayer; my husband to be saved; an urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. Verlyn Daniel, Dacula, Ga.

My mother, who is very sick; my sister-in-law to be healed of nervousness and to be saved; my unsaved family.—Eula Mae Stephens, Brunswick, Ga.

My brother, who has wasted his life drinking, that God will save him. His health is almost gone. He is in a miserable condition.—J. A. Honey, Belmont, N. C.

My wife to be healed of stomach trouble and smothering spells; that I may be healed of a hurting in my back and smothering spells.—E. H. Williams, Lancaster, Tenn.

That my eyesight may return so I can see to read the Bible and get about.—Mrs. L. H. Harvey, Mulberry, Fla.

My brother to be saved; my father to be saved and healed; my mother, who is sick and very much troubled about our loved ones; God to undertake.—A sister, Lakeland, Fla.

Healing for my afflicted body; my husband to receive the Holy Ghost; three lost brothers to be saved.—Mrs. Ed Jones, Leachville, Ark.

God to heal me of nervousness; healing for my husband; my daughter who has asthma; my grandson in the service; another daughter in bad health; healing for another sister; my unsaved children.—Mrs. P. H. Rogers, Sr., La-coochee, Fla.

My sister, who has pneumonia; a niece, who has a tumor; my healing.—Mrs. Pearl Coffey, Ell, Ky.

My nephew to be healed of head trouble, he is unsaved; healing for a friend's daughter; a man, has a tumor on his brain.—Mary Hopper, Gastonia, N. C.

My wife to be healed; me to be healed of rheumatism.—Rev. H. M. Glover, Bogata, Tex.

Healing for Elizabeth Mae Tidwell of stomach trouble.—Miss Ethel Tidwell, N. Birmingham, Ala.

Healing for my body; my daughter, who is in a weak, nervous condition.—Mrs. Mary L. Tidwell, Richey, Miss.

Me to be healed of headaches. I have suffered for the past two years.—Mr. Herman Chase, Pate Town, N. C.

Me, I have been in bed over a month with a nervous breakdown.—Mrs. Hermon Gaylor, La Follette, Tenn.

God to undertake for my healing.—Waldrep David, Middletown, Ohio.

Healing for my body.—Dasey Phillips, Brevard, N. C.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost; my husband to be converted.—Mrs. Albert King, Pittsview, Ala.

Me to be healed. I was taken seriously ill February 26; my blood is very low.—Rev. W. M. Patterson, Richmond, Va.

God to undertake for a young couple who are sinners and drinking is breaking up their home.—A sister.

A very urgent request; my daughter who is under deep conviction and needs the Lord.—Isabelle Sherman, Wynne, Ark.

Me to be healed of a goiter which has affected other parts of my body; I have rheumatism and am very nervous.—Mrs. Annie Black, Sardis, Ga.

Me, that I may walk again. I am paralyzed in my hips. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Miss Myrtle Forrest, Rt. 2, Rector, Ark.

Me to be saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. When I have met these conditions I believe I will receive healing.—Mrs. Annie Boath, Homerville, Ga.

That we will have a Church of God in Lake-land, Ga.

My complete healing of high blood pressure, heart trouble, rheumatism, and a swelling that is thought to be dropsy.—Leo M. Smith, Tecumseh, Mich.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure.—Mrs. Thomas Smith, Haines City, Fla.

Healing of my body; an unspoken request.—Veno Mitchell, Wylie, Texas.

Rev. J. W. Allen's boy, who has sugar diabetes; my mother, who has leakage of the heart and high blood pressure; healing of my body; a little boy.—Mrs. Gladys Childers, Farmington, Mo.

Me to be healed of stomach trouble and other ailments; my husband to be healed of appendicitis and saved; healing for my little girl.—Mrs. Naomi Burnett, Phoenix, Ariz.

My healing of T. B. I have weak spells. God has been merciful to me.—Mrs. G. C. McClung, Duarte, Calif.

An unspoken request; my children and husband to be saved; my body to be healed.—Eunice Berry, Edgefield, S. C.

My father and brother, who drink; my husband and family to draw near the Lord.—Fannie Countryman.

Me to be saved and healed; my three boys to be saved.—W. H. Stanley, Sr., 223 Vance Street, Maffitt Village, Wilmington, N. C.

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My unsaved husband; God to open a way so I can get work to support my family.—Luella McKinnon, Hallsboro, N. C.

The healing of Mrs. Lee Weldon, of Carson Lake, Ark., who is in the hospital at Memphis.

My eyes; my husband and son.—Mrs. L. Roberson, Augusta, Ga.

A very special unspoken request.—Mrs. C. C. Campbell, Monroe, Va.

God to heal me of stomach trouble and nervous indigestion.—Mr. Aubrey Horton, Attalla, Ala.

God to give me a home.—Caroline Ross, 3800 Haverford Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

God to heal me of gall bladder trouble and pains around my heart.—Mrs. Opha Napier, Pano, Ky.

Elsie Palmer to be healed of anemia heart, kidney trouble, and other ailments; Myrtle Fleming, who has heart trouble, nervousness and other ailments; Mrs. Cowan, who has ulcers and other ailments.—Miss Elnora A. Ball, New Brighton, Pa.

My boy, Clarence Fowler, Leggett, Ky., who is unsaved and in bad health. He has had rheumatic fever and is as pale as a dead man. His wife is unsaved. They have four children. Three of them are deaf.—Charity Fowler, Cranks, Ky.

The healing of my body. I am very sick.—Mrs. C. T. Rankin, Afton, Tenn.

My husband to be completely healed of abscess of the head.—Mrs. Samson Newsome, Augusta, Ga.

Me, I am afflicted in my body, have a growth in my mouth.—Sallie Gann, Egan, Ga.

Healing of my body, and a head trouble; also my husband to be saved.—Mrs. T. L. Russell, Wesson, Miss.

Unspoken request; a brother deeply in trouble.—Rev. John Hocker, Pineville, Ky.

Brother Joe Joyner to be healed.

Healing for my body. I have been sick for two months with stomach trouble and sinus trouble; my husband to be saved and healed; my children.—Lessie Viars, Barren Springs, Va.

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REVIVALS

TELEGRAM:

PORTERVILLE, Calif. — Eleven saved, fifteen sanctified, several received Baptism, nine baptized in water (more to follow), twenty added to the church Sunday, March 9.—Oscar Olsen, pastor.

MARYLAND-DELAWARE NEWS

Iglehart

Brother David Riner is doing a good work in Iglehart. The state overseer visited them recently and witnessed the paying of the last dollar due on their building. The Iglehart property was purchased just one year ago, for \$2,250. God has helped this band of saints through many difficulties and today they are out of debt.

Seaford

The Lord is blessing the church in Seaford in a wonderful way. We thank the Lord for our pastor, I. J. James, and his wonderful wife. We have purchased a new Baby Grand piano at the price of \$1275. Pray for us.—Pauline Roberts, reporter.

Mt. Pleasant

Sister Helen L. Morrow has just closed a meeting in Mt. Pleasant in which many were blessed. She will return to this territory soon, for a revival in Cambridge with Brother DeFino and his good people.

Crisfield

Rev. O. C. Crank, state overseer, recently conducted a revival at Crisfield. God wonderfully blessed in the meeting. Several received the Holy Ghost baptism. Some who had been seeking for years received this blessing.

Oaklawn

A good revival was reported. Brother Hugh M. Canter was the evangelist. Sister Pearl Auten is doing a good work in Oaklawn.—*Collaborator*.

AUBURN, Wash.—The Church of God at Auburn, Wash., just closed a two weeks' revival, with Sister John Rhoden as the evangelist. Three were saved, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and the church blessed by the inspiring messages. We were glad to have with us a few times, Brother Walters

and Brother Sanders of Seattle. We desire your prayers that God will bless the work in Auburn.—Rev. Hugh Mills.

CARBON HILL, Ala.—Praise God! The Lord is still blessing His people in a mighty way. We have just closed a wonderful revival, with nineteen saved, thirteen sanctified, and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. Rev. C. W. Kendall, of West Point, Miss., was the evangelist. Brother Marshall Bell preached the closing week. We had morning prayer meetings. This revival has been a blessing to the church. The attendance was good and the power of God was manifested in our services. We covet the prayers of good people for the church at Carbon Hill, Ala., that many more souls will find God.

HOT SPRINGS, N. Mex.—Truly we have much for which to glorify God. We have been praying for a Pentecostal revival for almost a year. We had some good ministers to come our way. They did their best and sowed the seed. We thank God for each of them. The Lord sent Brother and Sister Harry Probasco, of Lawton, Okla. He had charge of the night services and was mightily used of God, both in preaching the Word and in messages and interpretations. Night after night God's blessings rained upon us. Sister Ana Stewart had charge of the prayer meetings, her messages were inspiring and deeply spiritual. The Holy Ghost took charge several nights, the power fell so mightily it was literally heard as a mighty rushing wind. Many were blessed and healed. Twenty-four were saved, nineteen sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church, with many more looking this way.

So many come here for their health. Oh, that we may go to them with the news that Jesus can heal the incurables too. Pray for us and rejoice with us, also, that at last we can see the walls of Jericho beginning to fall. Our prayer band meets every morning. If you have a request you would like for us to help you pray about, we

shall be glad to do so.—Mrs. Fannie Davis, Box 493.

VIDALIA, Ga.—We are praising God for a wonderful revival in Vidalia, with ten saved, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and four added to the church. Brother and Sister Carvon J. Smith, of Dublin, Ga., were the evangelists. Twelve have been added to the church since September. We have just moved into our new church building. We are praising God for His blessings.—Rev. D. H. Stewart, pastor.

Revival News From Kentucky

We have just closed a two weeks' revival here at Williamsburg, with Sister Katherine Mahaffey doing the preaching. We had one saved, one added to the church, and several others seeking the Lord. We feel there has been a lasting good done that we are not able to report, because souls have been blessed. The timely message each evening was a blessing to both saints and sinners.

We can heartily recommend Sister Mahaffey to anyone wanting a good evangelist.—Rev. J. B. Hibbard, pastor.

I am happy to report a good four weeks' revival at Corbin; thirty-four saved, thirty sanctified, twenty-nine filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. Rev. D. C. Rayhill was the evangelist.—Rev. Hunter Heltsley, pastor.

We have had a wonderful revival at Pottsville. Four received the Holy Ghost, and the Lord poured out a great blessing upon us. The evangelist was our pastor, Rev. Wm. Burchett.

Praise God, our church is really doing good. Pray for us.—Mrs. Susie Bell Tate, clerk.

We have just received a report from Rev. Solomon Scalf, evangelist, of a great revival at Richmond, with nineteen saved, twelve sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church.

The pastor, Rev. J. T. Pitts, also reports the beginning of a new church building in Richmond.

Rev. R. E. Lovelle, pastor of the Louisville church, reports nine saved, two sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost in a revival conducted by Rev. J. R. Davis.—*Kentucky State News*

Testimonies

He Supplies My Needs

I am grateful to the Lord for what He means to me. He is my Comforter and Healer. The Lord supplies my needs. I thank Him for full salvation. Pray for me.—R. H. Pease, Somerset, Pa.

His Promises Are Sure

In a revival that has just closed, I received the Holy Ghost. I have been saved and sanctified for a year and four months. I had almost given up hopes, but I couldn't see anything in this world to go back to, so in this revival I went to the altar with a determination in my heart to stay until I got what God had promised. I came up shouting and speaking with other tongues. Bless His name. Be patient and wait on the Lord. Give praise to His wonderful name. His promises are to whosoever will. Pray for me, also my husband, mother, dad, and sisters to be saved.—Mrs. Ruthie Merle Bozeman, Opelika, Ala.

He Healed Me

I thank the Lord for full salvation and His great healing power. I was enlightened concerning the full gospel by reading the Church of God Evangel. I enjoy the Evangel so much. I have attended only one service in three years. We have no Church of God here. Last summer I got dew poison in my feet. They were swollen and broken out badly. I went to the Assembly in Birmingham and had the saints to pray for me. I trusted in God and He healed me. I want the Lord to have the glory. Pray for me and my unsaved family.—Pearl McCurdy, Mentone, Ala.

Desire To Do His Will

I thank God because I am saved and trusting His blessed Son Jesus Christ. My desire is to do His will and not my own. I love His blessed Word. I am also a Bible student. God bless you, my brethren, one and all.—W. E. Garland, Kitchener, Ont., Can.

Trying To Be a Worthy Member

Praise God, I appreciate the love of God. About a year ago, the Lord gently began leading me into greater light.

I was a loyal, faithful worker of another church, living the best I knew, but God saw I was hungry for a deeper walk with Him. I heard of a revival in progress at the North Charleston Church of God. I attended one night, and was asked to sing. I sang "He Was Nailed to the Cross for me," and the power of God really took possession of me. I was gloriously sanctified and was indeed happy. I began seeking God for light on the Holy Ghost. After careful study of my Bible and much prayer, the Lord revealed to me the truth so plainly, and about two months later I was filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, Acts 2:4. The following week, I united with the Church of God and I'm trying to be a worthy member.

For the past three years, I have felt the mission call. On Sept. 1, 1946, God made the call very definite to me. The Holy Ghost has plainly witnessed that Egypt is where God wants me. My husband is a Jew and unsaved. He was born and reared in an Orthodox Jewish home. God is dealing with him. I do want to answer this beautiful call. Although I feel very unworthy to be chosen for this work, the burden is so heavy upon me. Dear readers, please pray with me for the salvation of my husband. If you feel a deep interest in my testimony, write me.—Mrs. Harold Stansky, 125 D. Ben Tillmon, Naval Base, S. C.

"Whosoever" Includes Me

I know I'm a child of God. The word "whosoever," found in John 3:16, includes me. Not by any works that I have done am I saved, but by His grace am I saved. I am sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, but for some reason I have lost the power I once had. Pray for me. I used tobacco thirty-seven years but on Dec. 26, 1941, the Lord took the desire away. Praise His name!—David Latham, Snow Camp, N. C.

Redeemed

I praise my Redeemer, who has redeemed me, not with corruptible things as silver or gold, but with His

precious blood. I thank God for the Holy Ghost, who has been my Comforter for eighteen years. I love the Church of God, and also I like to read the Evangel and Lighted Pathway. They are food to my soul.

We are having fine meetings in Cambridge, four have received the Holy Ghost this Assembly year. Our pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Defino, are doing a great work. The church is taking on new zeal and we are looking for a great revival soon. Our Motto, "Forward for Jesus."—Mrs. Howard Insley, Cambridge, Md.

Trusting in the Lord

I enjoy your paper very much. I have been taking it regularly for twenty-four years. I am seventy-five years old. I want you to pray for me. I have been crippled for three years. I'm trusting in the Lord.—Mrs. Maggie Smith, Columbiana, Ala.

Healed After Praying Earnestly

I suffered from a miserable skin ailment and nothing seemed to be of any help. So after praying earnestly seven successive evenings, the next morning I awoke, to my enjoyment, to see I was healed.—Miss H. L. Stanfel, Crosby, Minnesota.

Two Girls Wonderfully Healed of Burns

I thank God for so wonderfully healing our little girls. They were burned by gas and fire. The doctor said one of them would not live, but we prayed, and thank God He wonderfully healed them. The one the doctor said couldn't live came home in twelve days, and didn't look like she had ever been burned. The other came home in twenty-four days.

I have a very special unspoken request. Please take it to heart and pray.—Mrs. E. R. Crane, Minter City, Miss.

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THE CHURCH'S RESPONSIBILITY

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If the son and the daughter hear the father use profanity and see him using tobacco or liquor, they realize he carries ill will and spite, and naturally those footprints which are deeply seated in the sands of life will be stepped into by those who follow; namely, his son and daughter who have implicit faith and confidence in their father, and their mother. Therefore, it is easy to see that the influence on the youth in the field of evangelism is wielded by the church, the church that gives the youth consideration, the pastor who recognizes the youth in his church, who sponsors youth revivals, sponsors youth social activities that are legitimate, who sponsors a young people's choir or a daily vacation Bible School.

It is easy to see the breeding of a child by its conduct in a church service. I have seen them sit in the back of the church where their actions would be unbecoming—young men and women who would be cuddled up to one another, holding hands and in a mood that was unattentive to the Word of God. The house of God was desecrated. Maybe the fathers of these sons and daughters were preachers, deacons of the Church, or prominent persons in the Sunday School. This is a shame. Certainly we cannot expect the results of evangelism in the lives of the youth unless we have had some degree of it in the lives of the adults, setting standards of sobriety, social and moral purity, and standards which keep us separated from the world; not with a dominating force, but with love and affection toward God, toward men and toward our country.

May the Lord bless the readers of this article and may it redound to His glory.

"REAPING WHAT IS SOWN"

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13:3 says, "A sower went out to sow." And, bless your heart, some of those seed fell on good ground and brought forth good fruit; the others, the devil got them, just like he is getting people today after they have made a good start. But in the face of all pretence, false profession, backsliding, and what not, God sowed good seed. "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin: for his seed (God's Word) remaineth in him," I John 3:9. There it is, you skeptic unbelievers. It is not what you think, it is what God says. Rev. 14:15 says,

"The time has come for thee to reap," and, "to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in sickle, and reap." Listen! When God reaps and separates the chaff from the wheat which He has planted, that will be a time of heart-searching. You had better search that old black heart of yours now, and ask God to wash it clean, and ask Christ to prepare that soul of yours for the next world.

In the fall of the year, I notice the air, how it begins to get chilly, and see the leaves turn brown as the winter time approaches. Then I can say, "The harvest is here." Listen, reader, I feel the hot breath of the spirit of the devil raging, and the signs of the coming of the Lord in judgment and to reap what He has sown. He will take the wheat into the garner, but the chaff will be burned. First the blade, then the ear, and then cometh the harvest, and no sooner has the grain come to maturity than He casteth in the sickle and the harvest is reaped.

(1) Christ planted. (2) The Church sprang up. (3) Its growth, and thanks be unto our God who will reap what He has sown. (4) The harvest. The rapture of the body (His Church).

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked." Don't mock Him in your empty profession, and continue to walk after the carnal appetite; but forsake "the way of the wicked" and "call upon the name of the Lord" while He may be found, and "Christ will in nowise cast out them that come unto him." Now! Behold, now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation. Won't you, dear reader, just slip off your chair on your knees, and say: "Yes, Jesus, I come; save me." Now forsake all ungodliness, turn to Him with all your heart.

O God, please save this soul as he prays, for thine own glory; forgive him of all his awful sins, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

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God loves the world, but 1,000 tribes do not know Him. May we repeat it? God loves the world, but 1,000 tribes do not know Him. May this be indelibly impressed and stamped upon your heart so that when the opportunity comes, you may have prayed through to a place where you will give to the cause of missions as God lays it upon your hearts. May the Lord bless you, each and every one.

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WHY DOUBT?

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David, and Isaiah foretelling it. Our Lord promised to raise the temple up in three days, if the Jews destroyed His body. John 2:19. He promised to come out of the tomb and graveclothes, just as Jonah came out of the prepared fish in three days. Matt. 12:39, 40. He told His disciples several times He would be delivered into hands of men and be killed. Every time He told them He was to be crucified, He likewise told them He would rise again on the third day. Matt. 18:21; 17:22, 23; 20:18, 19. The hour came and He was crucified and buried, with the sepulchre sealed and guarded.

Those who had followed Him constantly, for a brief but wonderful ministry, were weeping with sorrow. In spite of His "Let not your heart be troubled," they were heartbroken. Those who were up early on the first day of the week as day dawned were slow to understand. It became a reality to the beloved disciple as he stood inside the tomb looking at the orderly arrangement of the graveclothes that covered His dead body. The clothes being now empty, the record states, "he saw and believed." The devoted Mary, rescued from a most vile life, was the most grief-stricken of all, it seems. As she stood by the open tomb, hearing a rustle and her name uttered by Him, she recognized her risen Master and all her grief turned at once to gladness. Thomas refused to believe those that were glad when he entered the room and they saw their Lord. All doubts of this great truth vanished like night birds at the dawn of day, when he saw nail prints in His hands and the pierced side.

The early church supplanted the Jewish Sabbath with this first day of the week, in recognition of the most wonderful event in the history of the world. This tremendous change is a standing witness to this ever-enlarging and glorious truth. The hearts of the thousands of believing members of the true Church of today burn within them when the bodily resurrection of Christ is propounded by God-called ministers. Bear in mind, I am not talking about backslidden and oyster-frying denominations, but the true Church of the living God—the called-out by the new birth to an experience Paul called "Risen with our Lord."

Such has happened that has caused us to set our affections on our risen Lord and seek those things which are

above. Poets with minds and hearts ablaze have penned this truth in words that have affected human life at large to this very hour. Robert Lowery expressed it and the Christian church is still singing it. Didn't your hearts thrill as this great choir back of me made it ring over these hills at the beginning of this service? Doesn't it still ring in your heart and ears? Listen, the echo is coming back. Hear it?

"Up from the grave He arose!
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,

And He lives for ever with His saints to reign.

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!"

There is a school of thought that classes all who hold to this great article of Christian faith, the bodily res-

urrection of Jesus Christ, as more devout than wise. But in the words of none other than the leading champion of this great truth in the Christian church, I ask, "Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you that God should raise the dead?" He further said, "The dead in Christ shall rise first." The blessings of the risen Lord be on you. Amen.

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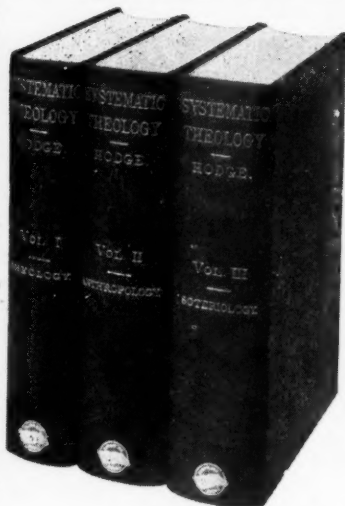


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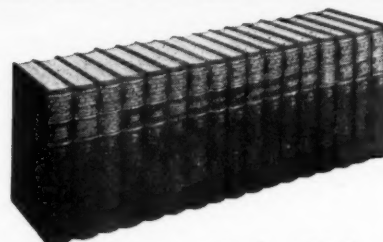


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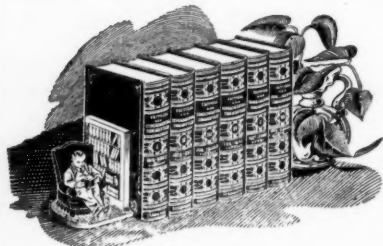
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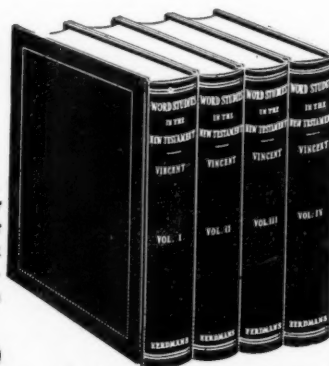
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